- b. [volume swelling said composition applied in step a; and] allowing said composition to penetrate into said hair follicles; and
- c. volume swelling said swellable composition, wherein internal forces are generated by said swellable composition at said hair follicles during and after said volume swelling of said composition.
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said swelling causes opening of said hair follicles and prevents said hair follicles from collapsing.
- (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said swelling enlarges a
 depth of an inner lumen space of said hair follicles.
- 8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said applying topically includes massaging said <u>swellable</u> composition into said body area having hair follicles.
- 9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, [wherein said method] further comprising another step after step [b] <u>c</u>: occluding said hair follicles.
- 10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said compounds/drugs are molecules [or] and their derivatives used in cosmetic[and/or] /pharmaceutic[s]al applications.
- 12. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said swellable composition is cosmetically[and/or] /pharmaceutically acceptable.
- 19. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein <u>said</u> [a plate, a film, a dressing and the like are applied above said] swelling composition <u>is covered</u> during